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**Thanks**

- .. To those parents who helped out with the senior abseiling trip to Waipu.
- .. To those children who welcomed and befriended our recent international group students.
- .. To Christine Redwood for the cake dropped to the staffroom this week.
- .. To those parents who have volunteered their time to work on our junior sandpit project (if you did not receive a letter this week please give Kevin a call).

**Good Luck**

- .. To all of those children representing Matarau School at next week's Regional Science and Technology Fair.
- .. To Mrs Burgin who heads off on leave to have baby number 2. I know you will all join me in wishing Mrs Burgin the very best for the months ahead .. we will keep you informed.

**People of the week**

- .. Mrs Scheibmair .. great start in room 8!
- .. Our bronze and silver reading award recipients
- .. Mrs Comrie .. see the end of the newsletter.
- .. Xanthe and the Kamo Girl Guides for the pot of soup made for the staff this week, it was much appreciated. Thank you.

**Sandpit**

Work on our new junior sandpit will take place on (Sundays) 2nd, 9th and 16th September (starting 9:30am). A small but motivated team of parents has committed to this project already but are very keen to hear from others able to help on any of these mornings. If you think you could help out please give Kevin a call .. many hands make light work.

**ENTHUSIASM**

We will announce the shining examples of our enthusiasm virtue next week .. watch this space.

**Enrolments 2013 – of special interest to out of Zone Families**

As advised in last week's newsletter the board will shortly be advertising a limited number of out of zone placements for 2013. **In order for us to allocate sufficient places for the siblings of currently enrolled (out of zone) students it is important that an "Application for Out of Zone Enrolment" form is completed for these students no later than this coming Monday (27/8).**

While completion of these forms is NOT a guarantee of placement (as all applications must go into ballot) these forms will enable us to do our best to allocate the necessary number of "first priority" places prior to these being advertised publicly.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call at the office or to give Kevin a call.

***Additionally, if there are students who will not be with us next year it would be helpful if the parents of these children could let us know next week so that we can make these places available for out of zone students.***

### **Review of bus transport entitlement**

Bus routes are currently under review nation wide. As part of this process we have been asked to confirm addresses and distance from school for all school families. This information will be used by the Ministry to confirm bus entitlement and therefore size of buses, length or routes and so forth. It is very important that all families return the form sent out this week so that we can ensure maximum funding for routes to and from Matarau School. Enhanced funding translates to improved service. Conversely, if we understate the number of users, there is potential for routes to be cut back. Information on distance from school is very important (please measure this on your odometer - home gate to school - or via the AA online distance calculator) as levels of entitlement are determined by distance from school and age of student. Any questions please give Kevin a call.

### **Parents of Year 8 students intending to enrol at K.H.S. in 2013**

.. are reminded that enrolment interviews are scheduled for Thursday 30 August. You should already have received advice of interview times and a list of things you need to bring with you.

Any questions .. please phone the school office.

### **Whangarei Interschool Cross Country - Barge Park - 7 Sept**

A reminder that parents of children entered in this event are responsible for the transport and supervision of their own child - or for delegating these responsibilities to another willing parent. If you have any questions in the run up to this event please give Kevin a call.

### **Coming up this term**

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| 27 August      | Regional Science and Technology Fair                   |
| 28 August      | Children year 6 and up visit the Regional Science Fair |
| 30 August      | KHS enrolment interviews                               |
| 1 September    | Trivia Night   |
| 5 September    | Senior girls HPV dose 3                                |
| 7 September    | Interschool Cross Country at Barge Park                |
| 9-14 September | AIMS Games   |
| 21 September   | Northland Cross Country                                |
| 24 September   | School Production week .. performances to be confirmed |
| 26 September   | Shake Out Day .. more to follow                        |
| 28 September   | Final day of term 3                                    |

### **Matarau Hockey - Sponsored by McQuinn Ground Spread**

Well Done to the following players of the Day Saturday 18 August :



C Grade - Aimee



D Grade - no play this week



E Grade - Briannal

### **Matarau Netball**

Well Done to the following players of the Day :



Yr 4-6 - Lily



Yr 6-8 - The whole team as they won!!

### **After School Care.**

If needing ASC please contact Carol Welsh at home: 4335035 or Cell: 021 0817 9805

### **Helping your child become a reader**

This year we are trying to increase reading mileage for all children. The library advisor has given us some suggestions of how parents can help their children to become better, more enthusiastic readers. We will put a few thoughts in each newsletter ..

*Did you know that reading aloud to your child every day helps them to become a better listener as well as a better reader ... and don't be afraid to re-read old favourites.*



### International Schools Maths and English Competitions

Parents, could you please ensure that you return all practice papers and answer sheets next week so that we have these to use in future years.

### Calf Club - Thursday 18th October 2012

You need to start thinking now if your child/ren want to rear calves and lambs. Calves and lambs must be born after 1st July 2012. Calves are judged on rearing and leading. Lambs are judged on rearing, leading & calling.



We have received some bottles of Agrisea - a seaweed concentrate for animal nutrition for calves and lambs - if you would like one for your animal please contact the office.

You can also bring a 'pet' which can include - goats (kids), cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, fish, chicken etc. Note that NO DOGS or PUPPIES are permitted and the animal will need to be in a cage for the duration of the day.

A booklet will be handed out to children bringing a pet (not for lambs or calves) two weeks prior to the September holidays and needs to be completed and returned to school on the first Monday of term - 15th October. The booklet will be judged by independent judges.



There will be further updates closer to the end of term. To assist you with selection, care and training of your pet, please check out the following website [www.calfclub.co.nz](http://www.calfclub.co.nz) Calf and lamb rearing books are available from the office for those children unsure of what the judges look for on the day.

### Jim's Band

Jim Palmer (our wonderful caretaker!) and his band "The Kiwi Rock Show" will be playing at the Hikurangi Hotel on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August. Admission is free and the show starts around 8pm.



### SOME MORE AIRLINE HUMOUR Qantas Airlines: Repair Division

After every flight, Qantas pilots fill out a form, called a "Gripe Sheet" which tells mechanics about problems with the aircraft. The mechanics correct the problems; document their repairs on the form, and then pilots review the Gripe Sheets before the next flight. Never let it be said that ground crews lack a sense of humour. Here are some actual maintenance complaints submitted by Qantas' pilots (marked with a P) and the solutions recorded (marked with an S) by maintenance engineers. By the way, Qantas is the only major airline that has never, ever, had an accident. WILL FEED YOU ONE A WEEK.

**P: DME volume unbelievably loud**

**S: DME volume set to more believable level**

### And Finally

I am pleased to advise that Mrs Comrie (our wonderful special needs and ESOL teacher) received a civic award from our mayor this week in acknowledgement of her contributions to education, church and community. Mrs Comrie has positively impacted hundreds of children through her involvement in the SPELD organisation (in multiple capacities), as a Girls' Brigade leader, as a Bible in Schools instructor and co-ordinator, and as a teacher of children with learning disabilities. Those who have worked with Sheryn will readily attest to the depth of her knowledge, her considerable work ethic and her extraordinary empathy for others. We are so very fortunate to have Sheryn as a colleague and friend. Put simply .. she puts others first and leads by example. Sheryn please accept a hearty congratulations from the staff, students and parents of Matarau School. Well done!

Have a great weekend!

Regards,  
Kevin Trehwella  
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Parenting Toolbox sessions - Join a Toolbox parenting group and learn how to build a great family team. Discover new parenting ideas and discuss successful strategies in a six week group course. Toolbox groups are free of charge to whanau caregivers, foster carers, adopters, grandparents raising grandchildren and Home for Life parents thanks to government funding. If you would like more information about Toolbox parenting groups in Northland contact Debbie Short 09 433 5040

Storylines – free family day at Whangarei Central Library. Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August 10am – 2pm. Meet authors & illustrators, watch performances; enter competitions; win prizes; watch artists in action & create your own illustrations.

Meadow Fresh Promotion – Collect yellow Cool Stuff for Kids stickers found on specially stickered Meadow fresh milk and yoghurt packs. Green forms to place stickers on sent home with this newsletter today, place your stickers on the form & return to school. Stickers must be at school by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

For Sale - Border Collie pups, both female & male black & white available - \$550 each. Ready to go now. Call Mandy on 435 0559 or 021 101 8361

Prize for the  
best dressed  
team table

## *Annual Trivia Night Fundraiser*



*Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012  
7pm - Matarau School Hall*

If your company can sponsor a table your company name will appear here for the next few newsletters plus featuring on a table on the night and around the hall! Easy way to get seen by the locals! Great value for only \$100!

### 2012 Table Sponsors todate –

※ Need a Nerd ※ Earl Tito Engineering ※ Digits  
※ PrintingCom ※ Metalcraft ※ Robinson Asphalt  
※ David's Pharmacy

Contact Wendy Francis on 435 4659 or Sarah Kessell 435 1202 for full details.

Prize Donations: if you are unable to sponsor a table, would you be able to donate a prize or prizes for the night? These could either be used as part of silent/live auctions or a lucky door prize. Prizes could be anything from chocolate to wine to bathroom products, or perhaps an old gift that's not been used??!

Any queries call Wendy or Sharon, or see Helen in the office.

*Get your table groups together (4-6 people per team)*

*Tickets are now on sale at the office  
\$20 per person*

This includes lots of fun, nibbles and a light supper. BYO Drinks.  
Start sorting your costume, table groups and dusting off your thinking caps!!  
You could be surprised just what trivia you know!

*Don't miss out on a fantastic night!!!*

THANK YOU!